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Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts and Mr. FOGLIETTA changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 106, Passage of the Health Coverage Availability and Affordability Act, I was just outside the main door discussing a compromise with appropriators. Unfortunately, I missed the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

RESIGNATION AS CONFEREE AND APPOINTMENT OF REPLACE-MENT CONFEREE ON H.R. 3019, BALANCED BUDGET DOWNPAY-MENT ACT, II

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a conferee:

House of Representatives, *Washington, DC, March 28, 1996.* Hon. Newt Gingrich,

Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, H232, The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Effective immediately, I hereby resign from the conference of H.R. 3019, the Omnibus Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1996, Conference Report.

Sincerely,

LOUIS STOKES, Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted and without objection, the Chair appoints the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER] to fill the resulting vacancy among the primary panel of conferees.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The clerk will notify the Senate of the change in conferees.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry. I have a question about the rule that is about to be brought before us on the farm bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I would ask, is there a waiver in this rule of the unfunded mandate provision?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. When the rule is read, the gentleman will under stand it. There is a waiver of all points of order in the resolution.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Among all those points of order that were waived, is one of them the unfunded mandate provision, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will understand when the resolution is read

Mr. FAZIO of California. Further parliamentary inquiry, Mr.Speaker. Is there an analysis available to the Members from the Congressional Budget Office that would inform us as to whether this was in fact an unfunded mandate that would require—

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, yes there is.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman should address that question to the Committee on Rules.

Mr. SOLOMON. Yes, there is.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2854, FEDERAL AGRICULTURE IM-PROVEMENT AND REFORM ACT OF 1996

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on rules, I call up House Resolution 393 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

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Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2854) to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived.

SEC. 2. Senate Concurrent Resolution 49 is hereby agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman form Ohio [Mr. HALL], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

(Mr. SOLOMON asked and was given permission to extend his remarks and include extraneous matter.)

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I would say to the Members, if I could just have their attention, we will dispose of this rule in 10 minutes, at the most, with no vote necessary, since it is not controversial. So let us get on with it.

Mr. Speaker, the rule before the House today is necessary to permit the House to consider the conference report on the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act, or FAIR Act

The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The waivers are necessary in large part because the Senate passed a much broader bill than the House.

For example, the Senate bill and the conference report contain an extension of the Food Stamp Program, while there was no such provision in the original House bill.

The rule also provides for the adoption of a Senate concurrent Resolution which directs the enrolling clerk to correct an error in the conference report as filed.

Mr. Speaker, this conference report represents the culmination of a long effort to change the way farming is done in America.

Instead of having farmers produce to meet the requirements of Government programs, this bill is designed to move the Government out of the farming business, and let farmers start producing to meet the needs of consumers.